

## **SOUTH A MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY – December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

#### **I. Call to Order**

The South A Municipal Advisory Committee (South A MAC) was called to order at **6:34 p.m.** on **December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014** at the Deerwood Bonita Lakes Park, 14445 SW 122<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Miami, FL 33186. Chairperson Wilbur Bell led those present in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **II. Roll Call/Introductions**

The following South A Municipal Advisory Committee Members were **present**:

- Wilbur Bell – Committee Chairperson
- Edward Bullard
- Kathy Charles – Committee Secretary
- Juana Murillo
- Lubby Navarro – Committee Vice Chair

The following South A Municipal Advisory Committee Members were **not present**:

- Dan Millott
- JL Demps, Jr.

The following Miami-Dade County MAC Support Staff was present:

- Jorge Fernandez, Office of Management and Budget
- Gigi Bolt, Office of Management and Budget

#### **III. Approval of the Agenda**

Committee Secretary Kathy Charles moved to **approve** the December 10th, 2014 South A MAC Agenda and Committee Member Juana Murillo seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously.**

#### **IV. Public Comment**

Chairperson Bell opened the floor for Public Comment and those who wished to speak were asked to provide their name and address for the record. A few members of the audience addressed the Committee and raised various issues and concerns. The comments provided by the public covered the following areas:

- *Indications that some residents are happy with the services they receive from the County.*
- *Concerns regarding the potential of higher taxes as a result of incorporation with marginal increases in benefit to the residents of the area.*

#### **V. Approval of the Minutes – October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

Committee Secretary Charles moved to **approve** the October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 South A MAC Meeting Minutes and Committee Vice-Chair seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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### VI. Staff Presentation

#### Miami-Dade Water and Sewer

Maria Valdez, Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department, outlined the current Department services and how these services would continue to be provided if the area were incorporated. She briefly described some of the facilities and functions and advised that the Department operated as a utility for the area. Ms. Valdez indicated that only a few Cities pursued the establishment of their own utility (i.e. Hialeah and Homestead). She indicated the Water and Sewer fees, some of the lowest rates in the nation, are set during the annual Budget process and would not be impacted by incorporation.

### New Business

#### Office of Management and Budget

Jorge Fernandez, Office of Management and Budget, advised the members that there was an item that was being introduced by Commissioner Moss establishing a Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) for the Miami Zoo area and the old University of Miami property. He explained a little about the CRA process and the criteria for “slum and blight” determination. Several Committee members and residents asked for additional information and raised concerns regarding the potential impact to the area. Mr. Fernandez advised that the item was tentatively scheduled for the January 22nd Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Mr. Fernandez presented two charts titled ***Comparison Analysis: Population, Taxable Value and Millage Rates*** and ***Impact to Unincorporated Municipal Area***. He reviewed the information and outlined the methodology that was used to help determine the estimated revenues and expenses with incorporation of the area. Based on this preliminary review, Mr. Fernandez advised that **Revenue to UMSA** from the area was \$30,491,283 and **Cost of Providing UMSA Service** was \$33,886,730 and therefore there would be a **Net to UMSA** of **\$3,395,447** with incorporation. The per capita Taxable value was estimated at \$34,183.55. Discussion was conducted and several questions/issues were then raised regarding the charts and the incorporation process:

- *Questions on how the expenses for Police and Parks Departments were developed.*
- *Questions regarding other potential sources of revenue.*
- *Requests for information on similar sized Cities' estimates developed prior to incorporation and how they compare with the actual revenue /expenses post incorporation.*
- *Question on the proposed CRA for the area and how any revenues would be used in the area.*
- *Questions on the impact of the Zoo development on traffic and road access – particularly on Coral reef drive.*

Mr. Fernandez indicated that the Committee would need to begin to consider all of the information provided to start the process of developing a pro forma budget. Committee Member Juana Murillo was identified as the Member who would be working with Staff as the Committee moved into this next phase.

### VII. Next Meeting Date

After a brief discussion, the next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. with the location to be determined.

### VIII. Adjournment

Committee Member Bullard moved to **adjourn** the meeting and Committee Secretary Charles seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at **7:58 pm**.